

United States Government
2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
NICARAGUA

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA)	Caribbean Central America Action (CCAA) serves as an honest broker and catalyst for establishing common ground to formulate a shared vision between and among the business community, civil society and the public sector to push for CAFTA passage in the Nicaraguan National Assembly and help Nicaraguan firms take advantage of the opportunities that CAFTA will bring. CCAA will also implement activities to forge public/private partnerships to improve the business and investment climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Business Services & Training	100,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	125,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	100,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	100,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	75,000
		Activity Total	500,000
Competitive Market Oriented Private Enterprises Environmental Management	The purpose of this activity is to improve the competitiveness of Nicaraguan micro, small and medium (MSME) enterprises by expanding sales to local, regional, and international markets. Technical assistance and training will be used in this activity. Key results are expected to include \$60 million in new sales, 100 increase in sales of specialty coffee, 20,000 new jobs, increased adherence to labor laws and the hiring of people with disabilities and disadvantaged groups, \$5 million in resources leveraged from the private sector through Global Development Alliances (GDAs), local institutions strengthened to facilitate trade, 300,000 hectares under improved environmental management, increase in the number of firms producing or offering services under environmental certifications, increased use of cleaner production and cleaner energy technologies, and an increase in biodiversity conservation. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Customs Operation & Administration	150,000
		Export Promotion	1,200,000
		Business Services & Training	150,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	150,000
		Human Resources & Labor Standards	150,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	450,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	300,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	450,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000
Food for Progress Agreement for Nicaragua	The program will enhance the ability of vulnerable farmers to compete and take advantage of the United States-Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR) and to increase job opportunities and income for Nicaraguan farmers. Projects will help to reduce diseases in cattle, swine, and shrimp. The program will improve the ability of the government to trace shipments of products and to deal with fruit flies and other pests that limit the ability to export. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	2,555,000

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Fruits and Vegetables Market Development in Nicaragua	The purpose of this activity is to increase market access and transactions for and by Nicaraguan producers, in local, regional and international markets. Focus on micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Key results are \$12 million in increased sales of fruits, vegetables and specialty coffee, as well as 7,000 new jobs. This activity uses training and technical assistance. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	Export Promotion	1,600,000
		Business Services & Training	100,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	100,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	100,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	100,000
		Activity Total	2,000,000
Private Sector Foundation in Nicaragua	Modeled after FUSADES in El Salvador. Promote public/private partnerships to change laws, policies, and regulations to increase trade and investment and improve the business climate. This activity is in support of the Central America - Dominican Republic FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nicaragua.	E-Commerce & IT	50,000
		Export Promotion	500,000
		Business Services & Training	150,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	150,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	150,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
Rural Business Development Project - Nicaragua	The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) funding has several aspects of supports – (1) Funding will facilitate increases in the production of high-value goods and increase the value added by farmers, agribusinesses, and other non-farm businesses in the Leon-Chinandega region (2) Funding will support the establishment of a Rural Business Development Center, which will provide business development services, disseminate market information, and develop improved production techniques (\$8.9 million) (3) Funding will support the provision of technical assistance to facilitate the transition of small and medium farms and agribusinesses to higher profit activities (\$8.5 million) (4) Funding will support the development of a regional watershed management action plan and finance grants to improve the water supply for irrigation and facilitate higher value, sustainable agriculture and forestry in the upper watershed areas of the Leon-Chinandega region of Nicaragua(\$13.3 million). Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.	Business Services & Training	17,442,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	13,158,000
		Activity Total	30,600,000
Support to Retail Store Investment Engaged in Importing	Financing support to a retail outlet that will import goods. Funded and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	Other Trade Facilitation	31,421

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Transportation Project - Nicaragua	The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) funding will support the improvement of 58 kilometers of the N-I Road, which is a segment of the Pacific Corridor linking producers and consumers to Honduras and El Salvador as well as to urban centers in Nicaragua (\$32 million). MCC funding will also support paving and upgrading of key secondary roads to link rural producers to the primary road network (\$60 million). In addition, MCC funding will support technical assistance to build the sustainable operational capacity of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Road Maintenance Fund (Fondo de Mantenimiento Vial) (\$800,000 thousand). Funded and implemented by Millennium Challenge Corporation.	Physical Infrastructure Development	92,800,000
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Government-Debt Program	The Government Debt Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to help the Government of Nicaragua to improve its strategic debt management, leading to more prudent fiscal policies, an expanded its financial sector, and the enabling environment for international trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/IATA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	6,830
Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance-Tax Program	The Tax Team from the Treasury Department is providing advisors to help the Government of Nicaragua to improve its tax administration capacity, leading to more prudent fiscal policies, a more favorable business climate, and the enabling environment for international trade. Funded and implemented by Department of Treasury/IATA.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	175,752
Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Nicaraguq			132,669,003